

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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Los Angeles County has more people living with AIDS today than ever before; at least 28,800 Los Angeles County residents are known to have died from AIDS; Los Angeles County has at least 20,300 individuals known to be living with AIDS, an estimated 57,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS; in the year 2004, African-Americans, Asian-Americans and Latinos accounted for more than 70 percent of all AIDS cases diagnosed and nearly 85 percent of all AIDS cases reported among women in Los Angeles County.

HIV counseling and testing is crucial to reaching the estimated 15,000 persons HIV-infected and unaware of their status in Los Angeles County, and to stop the spread of the County's estimated, 2,000 new HIV infections which occur every year; and voluntary counseling, education, testing, referral, and partner notification programs provide people an opportunity to learn their HIV status, receive information about any behavior changes needed to avoid infection and transmission of HIV to others and receive referrals to additional prevention and medical care

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Yaroslavsky	_____
Knabe	_____
Antonovich	_____
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I, THEREFORE, MOVE, THAT the Board of Supervisors proclaim June 24 through 28, 2005 as "HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING DAYS" in Los Angeles County as promoted by the Department of Health Services, Public Health, Office of AIDS Programs and Policy, and urge all community-based organizations and medical providers to become aware of the importance of HIV counseling and testing and lend their full support to this campaign, and urge all individuals to understand HIV transmission, assess their risk for HIV infection and consider taking an HIV test as appropriate.

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